

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 5/7/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Eric Wier, Environmental Resource Specialist (805) 788-2766	
(4) SUBJECT Request to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the Klau Mine Road Slip-out Repair Project, located west of the City of Paso Robles. District 1.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is our recommendation that your Honorable Board adopt the attached Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA) and Section 15000 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations for a project to stabilize an eroded slope adjacent to Klau Mine Road, approximately 0.8 mile south of Adelaida Road, west of the City of Paso Robles.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Road Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date:	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 1 -			

Reference: 13MAY07-C-3

## County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

Eric Wier, Environmental Resource Specialist

VIA: Mark Hutchinson, Environmental Division Manager

DATE: 5/7/2013

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### **DISCUSSION**

Las Tablas Creek runs parallel with a portion of Klau Mine Road at a point approximately 0.8 miles south of Adelaide Road. Over the past few years, creek flow has impinged on the slopes supporting the road causing superficial slope failures and narrowing Klau Mine Road to one lane at this point. While County crews have removed tree limbs which caused some of the creek flow damage, physical repairs to the slope conditions are required.

The proposed project will restore the road shoulder and prevent vehicles from running off the road by installing a guard rail at this location. Construction will include: driving approximately 48 linear feet of steel sheet piling, backfilling behind the sheet pile to re-establish the roadway shoulder, installation of approximately 60 feet of metal beam guard rail, roadway repair, and planting and maintenance of native vegetation on the stream bank below the road.

The project will result in approximately 750 square feet of disturbance within and adjacent to the County road right-of-way. Construction is anticipated to occur between August and September of 2014. Construction is expected to require approximately two weeks, including an approximately 5-day road closure. Work will occur during the dry season within County right of way and on a privately owned parcel.

As required by CEQA, all discretionary projects carried out by the Department of Public Works are reviewed to identify, avoid, reduce, and mitigate any environmental impacts. The Initial Study for these projects was prepared by staff of the Department of Public Works' Environmental Division, with

review and approval by the Environmental Coordinator in the Department of Planning and Building. The Environmental Coordinator found that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment because of the inclusion of mitigation and impact avoidance measures.

The Initial Study identified impacts and mitigation measures in the following issue areas: Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Water Quality. Mitigation measures include: pre-construction surveys, worker education, construction monitoring and revegetation for biological resources, and best management practices for water pollution and erosion control.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

Prior to commencement of the Initial Study, other affected local, State and Federal Agencies are notified of a proposed project. The Air Pollution Control District has reviewed the results of a geologic and soils analysis and issued an exemption for Naturally Occurring Asbestos. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency also reviewed soil samples and confirmed that levels of Mercury reflect background levels and are well below acceptable exposure levels. These issues are further addressed in the attached Initial Study.

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was noticed for public comment in a local newspaper and circulated to State agencies through the State Clearinghouse. The minimum 30-day review period ended March 6, 2013; no comments were received.

Prior to the commencement of work within the stream bed and banks, a Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (formerly Fish and Game) must be secured.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This project is a maintenance project budgeted in the Road Fund for FY 2012-13. The estimated project cost to stabilize the eroded slope on Klau Mine Road is \$175,000. The project will be funded from the Road Fund.

## **RESULTS**

Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration will complete the CEQA review phase and allow the project to move into the environmental permitting and final design phases. Completion of the project will restore the road shoulder and install a guard rail on Klau Mine Road, thereby contributing to a safe and prosperous community.

c: Frank Cunningham, Project Manager

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Vicinity Map
2. Mitigated Negative Declaration